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being close to a lost soul, but I have gone into joints and taverns before and you don't have to be in there very long before you pick up all the odors and aromas that are creating the ambiance. And people, such as myself, who pick up those odors wants to go take a bath. That's just the way that my mind operates and the way I react to certain things. Soap and water, plenty of both, work wonders for me. If I were on the verge, "Duchess", of taking Senator Connealy's head off and somebody plunged me in a tub of very warm water with plenty of soap, I would come out of that warm water and I would write Senator Connealy into my will. I owe much; I have little; the rest I leave to Senator Connealy. That would be my will. dealing with this bill this evening I will go home, take my bath, and tell myself that unfortunately I am a part of a Legislature which, in the 2002, at a time when we should be enlightened, had resorted to the language of the bestiary to designate fellow human beings. Any of us may have a friend, a relative, and I won't say some of us may fall to that level ourselves, who may do some of these very terrible things. we would not want them pushed outside of the human family. Somebody always has to say these are human beings. There was somebody you all worship, and I'm not going to go off into a lot of religion, who lived at a time when people who were lepers had "unclean, unclean" whenever they were near another to cry out human being. That was because of a physical condition. always thought as a child, what about the minds of those people who could hear another human being reduced to the level of being required to designate himself or herself an unclean thing and never speak out in opposition? I had always thought that what a person is inside is what determines the humanness of an individual, but when I look at laws such as this, I look at the attitudes taken toward the fallen people, as they might be called, and I have no use for religion whatsoever because I don't see the leadership that these kind of attitudes called religious should put inside of a person. Now this one you all worshiped never told these people you're too unclean for me, never, and that person is the one who is supposed to be your example. And you all who are religious are supposed to lead the lost ones, such as myself by your example. You are supposed to conduct your affairs in such a way that a fallen one such as myself, who am morally dead, spiritually blind